

Holtz, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, and lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State.

### CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine the Child Care and Development Block Grant reauthorization, focusing on helping to meet the child care needs of American families, after receiving testimony from Linda K. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services and Inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development, Administration for Children and Families; Rolf Grafwallner, Maryland State Department of Education Assistant State Superintendent, Baltimore; Janet Singerman, Child Care Resources Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; Phil Acord, Children's Home, Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Susana Coro, Falls Church/McLean Children's Center, Falls Church, Virginia.

### TRIBAL GAMING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the regulation of tribal gaming, focusing on brick and mortar to the inter-

net, after receiving testimony from former Representative Jon C. Porter, Las Vegas, Nevada, on behalf of Porter Gordon Silver Communications; Tracie Stevens, Chairwoman, National Indian Gaming Commission; Bruce Bozsum, The Mohegan Tribe, Uncasville, Connecticut; Glen Gobin, The Tulalip Tribes, Tulalip, Washington; Jamie Hummingbird, Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners/Regulators Association; Elizabeth Lohah Homer, Homer Law, Washington, D.C.; and Gene Johnson, Spectrum Gaming Group, Linwood, New Jersey.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of William Joseph Baer, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Kohl, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 6205–6227; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 742–744 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6122, to revise the authority of the Librarian of Congress to accept gifts and bequests on behalf of the Library, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–624);

H.R. 1402, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the House of Representatives at no net cost to the Federal Government, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–625);

H.R. 3641, to establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–626); and H.R. 4606, to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for nat-

ural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–627).

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**Condemning, in the strongest possible terms, the heinous atrocities that occurred in Aurora, Colorado:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 134, to condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the heinous atrocities that occurred in Aurora, Colorado.

**Pages H5297–H5302**

H. Con. Res. 134 was considered pursuant to the order of the House of July 25, 2012.

**Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act of 2012:** The House passed H.R. 4078, to provide that no agency may take any significant regulatory action until the unemployment rate is equal to or less than 6.0 percent, by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 536. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, July 25th.

**Pages H5302–20**

Rejected the Sutton motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to

the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 181 yeas to 234 nays, Roll No. 535.

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Agreed to:

Posey amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 25th that requires that awarded attorney's fees and costs for small businesses in Title I would be paid out of the administrative budget of the office in the agency that proposed the regulation (by a recorded vote of 248 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 525); **Pages H5311–12**

McKinley amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 25th that reduces the term "significant regulatory action" from \$100,000,000 or more to \$50,000,000 or more in annual cost to the economy. This amendment would allow for more oversight on Federal Agency Regulations by lowering the dollar amount threshold (by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 527); **Pages H5312–13**

Fitzpatrick amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 25th that directs the Securities and Exchange Commission to take into account the large burden of section 404b of Sarbanes-Oxley on companies with a public float less than \$250 million, compared to the benefit (by a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 166 noes, Roll No. 531); **Pages H5315–16**

Posey amendment (No. 20 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 25th that keeps the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) from enforcing or issuing interpretive guidance on climate change (by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 532); and **Page H5316**

Posey amendment (No. 25 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 25th that makes it clear that the definition of "significant regulatory action" would include new Treasury regulations regarding non-resident alien deposits (by a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 165 noes, Roll No. 534). **Pages H5317–18**

Rejected:

Watt amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 25th that sought to exempt regulatory actions that are regulatory actions by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that streamline the application process for patents and trademarks, including rules implementing the micro entity provision of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act, from Title I of the bill and exempt midnight rules implementing such provisions from Title II of the bill. The amendment also would have exempted consent decrees and settlement agreements in an action to compel agency action by the PTO to help streamline the application process for patents

and trademarks from Title III of the bill (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 520); **Page H5308**

Loeb sack amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 25th that sought to allow actions that would lower prices for gasoline, diesel, oil, or other motor fuels (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 521); **Pages H5308–09**

Richardson amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 25th that sought to ensure that the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the health provisions of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 can be carried out (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 522); **Pages H5309–10**

Richardson amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 25th that sought to allow regulations that protect consumers under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 523); **Page H5310**

Connolly amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 25th that sought to clarify the procedure for considering a request for a congressional waiver by the President (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 524); **Pages H5310–11**

Nadler amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 25th that sought to exempt issues relating to nuclear power plants from the obstacles to establishing safety protections in the following titles of H.R. 4078: Title I (Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act); Title III (Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act); Title V (Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development (RAPID) Act) (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 526); **Page H5312**

George Miller (CA) amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 25th that sought to exempt from the definition of significant regulatory action a rule that would prevent or reduce deaths or injuries caused by explosions and fires related to the ignition of combustible dusts in the workplace (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 528); **Pages H5313–14**

Woolsey amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 25th that sought to exempt from the definition of significant regulatory action a rule that would prevent or reduce the number of workers suffering electrocutions or other fatalities associated with working on high voltage transmission and distribution lines (by

a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 529);

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Waters amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 25th that sought to authorize appropriations (1) to enable the SEC and CFTC to carry out the additional cost/benefit analysis requirements under the bill; (2) for costs of litigation incurred by the Commissions related to the requirements under the bill (by a recorded vote of 171 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 530); and

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Maloney amendment (No. 21 printed in part B of H. Rept. 112–616) that was debated on July 25th that sought to mandate that Title VI cannot take effect until the Chair of the SEC certifies that in conducting the cost benefit analysis no resources will be diverted away from the SEC's mission to protect investors, maintain efficient markets and promote access to capital (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 533).

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H. Res. 741, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote.

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Agreed to the Foxx amendment to the rule by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 519.

**Pages H5302–07**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 30th.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5302.

**Senate Referral:** S. 285 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and 16 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5307, H5308, H5308–09, H5309–10, H5310, H5310–11, H5311–12, H5312, H5312–13, H5313–14, H5314, H5314–15, H5315, H5316, H5316–17, H5317, H5319, H5319–20. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY—CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS (CFATS) PROGRAM

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a hearing on the Department of Homeland Security—Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Program. Testimony was heard from Steve Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues,

Government Accountability Office; and Suzanne Spaulding, Deputy Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

### CIVILIAN WORKFORCE REQUIREMENTS—NOW AND ACROSS THE FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Civilian Workforce Requirements—Now and Across the Future Years Defense Program. Testimony was heard from Frederick E. Vollrath, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness and Force Management, Department of Defense; and Brenda Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a markup of S. 710, the “Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act”. The bill was forwarded, as amended.

### THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “The 10th Anniversary of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### PREVENTING NUCLEAR TERRORISM

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “Preventing Nuclear Terrorism: Does DHS Have an Effective and Efficient Nuclear Detection Strategy?”. Testimony was heard from Huban Gowadia, Acting Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security; David Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Vayl Oxford, National Security Executive Policy Advisor, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division. Testimony was heard from Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 6169, the “Pathway to Job Creation through